

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

FACT SHEET

**REQUEST APPROVAL TO AMEND 30 LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENTS
TO ADD CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND
RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to amend 30 existing Legal Entity Agreements to add California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids funding to continue mental health services without interruption on a month-to-month basis for six months for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

REQUEST

Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health (Director), or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute Amendments to add California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) funding to 30 existing Legal Entity (LE) Agreements of contract providers that provide CalWORKs services in order to continue providing mental health services on a month-to-month basis not to exceed six months beginning July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to these LE Agreements and establish as a new Maximum Contract Amount (MCA), the aggregate of the original agreement and all amendments; and to further amend these LE Agreements as necessary, including providing time extensions if funding is available provided that: 1) the County's total payments to the contract providers for each fiscal year will not exceed an increase of 20 percent from the last Board approved MCA; 2) any such increase will be used to provide additional services or to reflect program or Board policy changes; 3) your Board has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4) approval of County Counsel, or designee, is obtained prior to any such amendments; 5) County and contract providers may by written amendment reduce programs or services without reference to the 20 percent limitation and revise the applicable MCA; and 6) the Director notifies your Board and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in writing within 30 days after execution of each amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Board approval is required to execute Amendments to 30 existing CalWORKs LE Agreement contract providers to continue their CalWORKs funding and to avoid interruption in services. The Department of Mental Health (DMH) is currently working

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through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, for selection of service providers, which has been protested by a number of proposers. The Amendments will allow DMH time to work through the next level of the protest process, the Proposed Contractor Selection Review (PCSR). Finalization of negotiations with selected proposers is pending the conclusion of the PCSR.

BACKGROUND

On January 11, 2010, DMH issued a RFP to provide CalWORKs mental health supportive services. The issuance of the RFP was in accordance with State requirements regarding the allocation of CalWORKs funding within Los Angeles County. The RFP was distributed to agencies on the Departmental Bidders list which included minority agencies. Announcements were published in local community and ethnic newspapers as well as DMH's own Internet site.

On February 2, 2010, DMH held a mandatory bidders' conference that was attended by 170 people, representing 106 agencies. DMH received 54 complete proposals by February 23, 2010. Seven panels, comprised of individuals representing the Department of Public Health, Department of Public Social Services and DMH, met to review and evaluate the proposals' program components on a standard evaluation scale. After notification of the RFP results, 21 debriefings were requested by 15 agencies, some of whom submitted proposals for multiple service areas. After completing the 21 requested debriefings, four agencies requested PCSRs in five different service areas. To allow for the protest process, your Board approved two additional six months extension for existing CalWORKs providers to continue services without interruption.

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